Orders, Rules, AND INSTRUCTIONS

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To be observed by the Muster-master General, and Clerk of the Checques, the Comptroller of the Musters and Checques, and Commissaries of the Musters of His Majesties Army and Forces in Ireland, *and all others whom the same doth or shall in any way concern, for the better preventing of any deceipts that may be practised in the Army, and to render the same full and effectuall for His Majesties Service.*

BY THE

Lord Lieutenant General, and General Governour of Ireland.

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Orders, Rules, AND INSTRUCTIONS BY THE *Lord Lieutenant General, and General Governour of* Ireland.

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I.

THe Muſter-maſter General by himſelf and his Deputies, are to muſter all the Guards of Horſe and Foot, and all the Troops and Companies of His Majeſties Army, Officers, Miniſters, and Artificers of the Train of Artillery

within this Kingdom of *Ireland*, every three moneths at leaſt, or as often as We, or in our abſence the Deputy of this Kingdom ſhall think fit.

II.

The Deputy Muſter-maſters, who are appointed to muſter the Guards, Troops and Companies, and Train of Artillery as aforeſaid, in their ſeveral Gariſons or Quarters, are not to give notice of their purpoſe ſo to do, until late in the Evening, and then they are to give notice unto the Governour or Officer, commanding in chief the ſaid Gariſon or Quarter, who is thereupon to have in a readineſs the Troops or Companies early next morning, every Officer and Souldier in his proper Arms and Furniture, at the uſual and accuſtomed place, or ſuch other place as the Deputy Muſter-maſter ſhall appoint. Where the Captain or chief Officer commanding of each Troop and Company,

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is to have in readineſs three muſter-Rolls, containing the names of the Officers, and Souldiers fairly written alphabetically, according to the Sirnames as it is now uſual, and parted by lines into diſtinct Columes, each of which ſhall mention the age, place of Birth, Complection, or time of entrance into that Troop or Company of each Souldier, and then the Deputy Muſter-maſter, before he proceed to muſter the Troop or Company, ſhall take an account of the Ranks and Files of each Troop and Company, and after he has ſo numbred them, ſhall call the Officers and Souldiers particularly, placing a Cypher before their names, ſignifying their being preſent, and if any be abſent, ſick, dead, diſcharged, or run away, they are to be written ſo upon their names; And after the Roll is ſo called, the Deputy Muſter-maſter is to count the Ranks and Files again, that ſo he may be aſſured there is not any wrong done by the Officers in cauſing

Souldiers to be muſtered twice, or miſtake on his own part, by making more or leſs than he ought, and that ſuch men as are to be entertained, that muſter in the Roomes of any dead, diſcharged, or run away, may be entred for that muſter at the latter end of the Roll, and not brought into the alphabet until the next muſter. After the muſter, the Deputy Muſter-maſter is to cloſe the Rolls, with the Officers after the uſual manner, two Rolls to be ſigned by the Captain and all Commiſſioned Officers preſent, which are to be delivered to the Deputy Muſter-maſter, to be by him delivered to the Muſter-maſter General, and the Comptroller of the muſters, according to which muſter Rolls, Warrants are to be drawn for their pay, of which the Comptroller, or his Deputy is to take notice; And before any Warrant be offered, the Comptroller is to examine and Comptrol the ſame, and to atteſt them for Teſtimony, that neither His Majeſty, nor the

the Souldiers be wronged in the payments, and the other Roll is to be ſigned by the Deputy Muſter-maſter, which is to be delivered to the Captain, or chief Officer preſent with the Troop or Company, to be by him produced at the next muſter for an Examining Roll, to the end if any Souldiers be wanting, it may be known what is become of them, whether dead, diſcharged, or run away; And that thereby the Muſter-maſter General, or the Comptroller, may be able to render an account to Us from time to time, of ſuch Souldiers as are received into any Troop or Company in the Army, and thoſe likewiſe that go forth.

III.

The Muſter-maſter General and his Deputies, are not to permit any Officer or Souldier in the Army, to paſs muſter, unleſs they ſhall produce a Certificate under the hand of the Biſhop of the Dioceſs,

ceſs, upon a Certificate made to him under the hand and ſeal of the lawful Miniſter of the Pariſh wherein they are Quartered or Garriſoned; That they had received the Bleſſed Sacrament of the Holy Communion, according to the Diſcipline of the Church of *Ireland*, the *Eaſter* or *Chriſtmas* next preceeding the ſaid muſter, and this to be done once every year.

IV.

No Captain ſhall preſent at the muſter, any Officer or Souldier to be abſent by Licence, except the ſame be under our Hand, or the Hand of the Deputy of this Kingdom in Our abſence; which Licence is to be entred at the Muſter-maſter Generals, and alſo at the Comptrollers Office, for which entring of every ſuch Licence in the ſaid Offices the Muſter-maſter General, and the Comptroller, or the Deputies are to take and receive of every Commiſſioned Officer two ſhillings and ſix pence each,

each, and the time limited ſet down on the muſter Roll, and if any that are Licenced to go out of this Kingdom, return not within the time limited, then they are to be checqued, except they produce a Certificate or Teſtimonial from the Mayor, or other chief Officer of the Port from whence they ſhall ſhip themſelves, that they were ready to come, but were ſtayed by the caſualty of contrary winds or weather, or for want of paſſage, or by ſickneſs. And in caſe any Officer or Souldier, who is Licenced to be abſent from his duty within this Kingdom, out-ſtay the time Limited, then his Pay to be checqued for ſuch time, and the checque not to be taken off, but by eſpecial Order in writing from Us, or in our abſence the Deputy of this Kingdom, of which the Muſter-maſter General and Comptroller are to take notice.

V.

If any Officer or Souldier be abſent from his muſter, then he is to be returned abſent, and looſe the benefit of ſuch muſter, unleſs it be in caſe of ſickneſs, which is to appear by view of the Deputy Muſter-maſter, or by authentick certificate if the Perſon ſick be far diſtant, or that they have eſpecial Licence from Us, or the Deputy of this Kingdom in Our abſence, and entred as aforeſaid.

VI.

No Commiſſioned Officer ſhall paſs muſter, till he firſt produce his Commiſſion to the Deputy Muſter-maſter, and the ſame entred in the Muſter-maſter Generals and the Comptrollers Office, to the end he may receive his Pay accordingly; And that the Muſter-maſter General and the Comptroller, may the better render an account unto Us, or in Our abſence to the

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Deputy of this Kingdom, of all the Commiſſioned Officers of the Army from time to time, as the ſame ſhall be required.

VII.

No Captain, or other Officer ſhall give Licence to any Private Souldier under his Command, to be abſent above fourteen dayes, and no ſuch Licence to be of force, if any Souldier be abſent at muſter.

VIII.

If any Officer or Souldier, be at any time taken Priſoner, then upon atteſtation of the Captain, or other Officer Commanding the Troop or Company, the ſaid Priſoner is to be allowed on the muſters during his Impriſonment.

IX.

No Officer ſhall Entertain any perſon in the Room of any Souldier dead, diſ-

charged, or run away out of any Troop or Company, till the next muſter day, and his Pay to commence from that day forward, and not otherwiſe, and if any Officer or Souldier be returned dead, then he is to be allowed pay to the day of his death, which is to appear by authentick Certificate.

X.

Taking into Our conſideration the evil conſequences of Officers diſcharging their Souldiers irregularly, no Officer ſhall from henceforth diſcharge any Souldier muſtered in his Troop or Company, untill ſuch Souldier be diſcharged by a Court-marſhal, or by order in Writing from Us, or the Deputy of this Kingdom in Our abſence, or by the Souldiers conſent at muſter, upon pain of being Caſhiered, nor ſhall the Officers of the muſters allow any new man in the place, of any that are not regularly diſcharged.

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No Captain or other Officer of the Army, ſhall in the tender or preſentment of the muſters, uſe any fraud, practice or deceit, whereby the Muſter-maſter General or his Deputies, or the other Officers of the muſters may be miſled, miſtaken, or prevented of the due underſtanding of the true Eſtate of that Company or Troop, upon pain of loſs of his place, and ſuch other Ignominious puniſhment, as by a Marſhal-court ſhall be thought fit.

XII.

Every Officer and Souldier of the Army, and Officers, Miniſters, and Artificers of the Train of Artillery, ſhall take the Oathes of Allegiance and Supremacy, or elſe not be allowed on the muſters.

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No Officer ſhall make contract or agreement with any of the Souldiers of the Army, for leſs pay then is allowed them by His Majeſties Eſtabliſhment, nor take any money or Security of money for their admittance into the Army; To which end the Muſter-maſter General and his Deputies, and the Comptroller and his Deputy, are hereby ſtrictly required to uſe all means poſſible to inquire what Officers do make any ſuch contract, or take money as aforeſaid, who being ſatisfied therein, are forthwith to inform Us, or in Our abſence the Deputy of this Kingdom of the ſame; and ſuch Officers and Souldiers ſo offending, ſhall forthwith be diſcharged the Army, and ſuffer ſuch other puniſhment as ſhall be thought fit by a Court-marſhal. And if any Captain ſhall detain from any Souldiers their Pay, or any part thereof, when he hath received

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the ſame, by the ſpace of three dayes, or ſhall not *bona fide*, pay the ſame without any Reſervation or Engagement for receiving the ſame back, or any thing in liew thereof, ſuch Captain or other Officer ſhall be abſolutely Caſhiered from his Command.

XIV.

No Souldier ſhall be ſuffered to paſs muſter upon a borrowed Horſe, or with borrowed Arms or Furniture, and his Horſe ſhall be ſerviceable, and not under Fourteen handful high, and worth at leaſt twelve pounds.

XV.

The Officers being ſupplyed with neceſſary and convenient Arms, and Furniture belonging to their ſeveral Troops and Companies, the Muſter-maſter General and his Deputies, and the Comptroller and his Deputies, are Required to take eſ-

especial care at the musters taken by them, that the Souldiers Arms be well fixed, and that all the Fire-arms of Foot be of one Bore, and if they shall find any Souldiers Arms unfixed on the muster day, they shall mark the same on such Souldiers name in the muster Roll, and the said Souldiers shall be chequed for every such defective Arms, the Cheques following, *viz.*

For a Sword every moneth two dayes Pay.
The like for Pikes, Musquets, Bandaleers, Pistols, Carbines and Holster s

XVI.

No Souldier that is an Inhabitant of any Town or Garrison, and a Tradesman (being well able to live of himself) shall be suffered to pass muster, unless he will reside constantly in his Garrison, and be fit and ready on all occasions for Service to be drawn into the field, and be well Train-

Trained in the Exerciſe of his Arms.

XVII.

No Officer ſhall muſter a man falſe upon pain of Caſhiering.

XVIII.

No Souldier in Muſter ſhall anſwer for another, or muſter by a falſe name, upon pain of death, and the Officer that preſents ſuch Souldier to be Caſhiered.

XIX.

The Deputy Muſter-maſters ſhall have a ſufficient Convoy from Garriſon to Garriſon, whilſt they are muſtering, and ſo ſhall the Comptroller, or whom he ſhall appoint as his Deputies or Subſtitutes.

XX.

No Officer or Souldier ſhall preſume to taunt, revile or pick a quarrel, with any of the Deputy Muſter-maſters, or the-

Comptrollers Deputies, but ſhall quietly ſuffer him or them to examine, demand or require any Souldiers name, the Country from whence he came, and time of his being in the Kingdom, and to take any note or mark of the Souldiers at his or their pleaſure; and if any Officer or Souldier ſhall offend herein, ſevere puniſhment ſhall be inflicted on him or them as oppugnors of His Majeſties Authority, and breakers of Our Orders and Inſtructions, as we ſhall think fit.

XXI.

The Muſter-maſter General ſhall from time to time, alter and change his Deputies, to muſter in each Circuits and Precincts, as he in his Diſcretion ſhall think fit, and not to permit them to muſter in one and the ſame Precinct conſtantly.

XXII.

If any of the Deputy Muſter-maſters,

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or other Officers of the muſters, ſhall at any time abuſe the Truſt committed to his care, by conniving with the Officers to make a falſe muſter, or taking from any Officer or Souldier any Bribe, Gift, Reward or Preſent whatſoever, upon account of muſtering, he ſhall forfeit his Imployment, and ſuffer ſuch further puniſhment as ſhall be thought fit.

XXIII.

None but effective duty men that receive His Majeſties full pay, ſhall be allowed on any muſter, nor any man abſent without leave from Us, or the Deputy of this Kingdom in Our abſence, and none under the age of Seventeen years, ſhall be allowed on any muſter on any pretence whatſoever.

XXIV.

The name of the Clerk of every Troop and Company is to be mentioned

in the margent of every muſter Roll, as alſo the Servants, which We have thought fit to allow to the ſeveral Commiſſioned Officers.

XXV.

The Comptroller, his Deputy or Subſtitute ſhall have free Egreſs and Regreſs into the Muſter-maſter-Generals Office, to the end he may take Notes or Copies, and obſerve how they do their duty; and that no miſtake may happen by having the management in one Office, We think fit that the Comptroller his Deputy or Subſtitute, ſhall alſo ſign the Warrants for Pay, before they be offered unto, or ſigned by Us, to which end they ſhall be ſent to him.

XXVI.

The Comptroller of the muſters, or his Deputy or Subſtitutes by him appointed, ſhall uſe all diligence, induſtry and endea-

endeavours, to keep His Majesties Army in this Kingdom full and effectual for His Majesties Service, not onely at the dayes of mustering, but also at other times, when the Officers of the musters are not expected, by sending out his Deputies or Substitutes when he shall think it necessary, and most for His Majesties Service, to the end that the constant expectation of being mustered, may keep them to the duty expected from them.

XXVII.

All Commissions both of Horse and Foot, and all Patents, Orders, Rules and Directions for taking off Cheques, and all other things of like nature relating to the Army and Forces, are to be entred at the Comptrollers Office, as well as at the Muster-masters, of which all persons concerned are to take notice.

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The Muſter-maſter General, and his Deputy ſhall within dayes after the return of every muſter, give unto Us a true account and State of His Majeſties Army, and the Cheques impoſed thereon, and that no miſtake may happen, the Comptroller of the muſters or his Deputy ſhall atteſt the ſame.

XXIX.

For the better putting in Execution the aforeſaid Orders and Inſtructions, the Muſter-maſter General, and his ſeveral Deputies within this Kingdom, in diſcharge of the great Truſt repoſed in them, are required with all care and diligence, ſtrictly to obſerve the ſame; and if any of the ſaid Deputy muſter-maſters in any meaſure omit, or neglect to put in Execution the Rules and Directions before expreſt, he ſhall be diſmiſſed from the ſaid Imployment,

ment, and ſuffer ſuch other puniſhment as We ſhall think fit.

And We require all the Officers of the Guards, and other the Officers of the Army, and Train of *Artillery*, in this His Majeſties Kingdom, to take due notice hereof, and to yield due obedience thereunto, as they will anſwer the contrary at their perils.

Given at His Majeſties Caſtle of *Dublin*, the 21*th* day of *September* 1672.

Hen: Ford.

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